

Today's News - Thursday, September 22, 2011

- Farrelly x 2: She gives two thumbs-up's to Sydney's newest green tower: "1 Bligh matters because its shaping idea is one whose time has come."
- On a much less ebullient note, and mincing no words, she bemoans the "flatulent PR flurry" that follows the "rushing of the world's architects like so many half-baked platelets to the site of the latest catastrophe" (so much for Ban's cardboard cathedral for Christchurch).
- On the other hand, "if Shigeru Ban's got anything to do with it, it won't be long before cardboard buildings are unfolding across the globe."
- Wainwright takes issue with Viñoly's "golden banana" in Colchester: Firstsite "might have brought a dash of Essex bling and out-of-town sparkle" instead of being "an expensive new bauble - complete with vast, unusable, walls."
- Trump released images of the clubhouse planned for his £750 million Scottish golf resort, and depending on who's talking, it's "a towering success" or "a Victorian workhouse" (and even as "artificial as tycoon's toupee").
- A look at the architectural "leading lights from across globe" - past and present - who have had a hand at shaping Winnipeg's distinct architectural character.
- Brussat has high (if not totally optimistic) hopes Providence will take inspiration from Burnham in thinking about what to do with land freed up by the removal of Route 195 from the city's well-preserved historic downtown.
- Bey cheers a "sensational" new Chicago elementary charter school that is "an unusual and spectacular piece of architecture."
- Arieff x 2: she cheers Santa Monica's plans to transform a mobile home (i.e. trailer) park into stylish, sustainable - and affordable - homes.
- She also cheers pop-ups as "a sharp tool in the urban revitalization kit - despite their co-option by hipsters and marketing gurus" (great slide show, too).
- An eyeful of FAT's 260m-long façade for the BBC production village in Cardiff (a serious case of extreme façadism, perhaps?).
- As the Solar Decathlon 2011 gets ready for its close-up starting tomorrow, The Dirt offers a sneak-peek (and picks some faves) + its new location is "a you've-got-to-be-kidding-me walk" from the nearest Metro stations - but there are free shuttle buses.
- NYC's Design Trust for Public Space names Susan Chin as executive director (and we're thrilled!).
- Becker dusts off an engaging, early, illustrated portrait of Jeanne Gang pre-Aqua and pre-MacArthur genius grant winner (giant Pink Sea Snails and Koolhaas included).
- A good reason to find yourself in Brussels tomorrow: Designers Weekend takes over the heart of the city.
- We couldn't resist: Chaban takes a spin on Jane's Carousel, while Nouvel's "lupine features and all-black outfit were rather out of place among the screaming children and gleaming horses."

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World-class cities are built from good ideas: What sets these buildings apart...is that they're about something...They prove that good ideas, followed through, make good buildings, and good buildings make money. They also make good cities...1 Bligh matters because its shaping idea is one whose time has come. By Elizabeth Farrelly -- Norman Foster; Richard Rogers; Denton Corker Marshalls; Harry Seidler; Renzo Piano; Jean Nouvel; Frank Gehry; Ingenhoven Architects/Architectus - Sydney Morning Herald

Victims need art like a hole in the head: It's a veritable global phenomenon, this rushing of the world's architects like so many half-baked platelets to the site of the latest catastrophe...disaster is also, undeniably, in vogue. So an examination of motives makes fascinating reading. By Elizabeth Farrelly
-- Shigeru Ban; Paul Pholeros/Healthabitat; Anna Rubbo/Global Studio; Andrea Nield/Emergency Architects Australia; Architects Without Frontiers; Jun Sakaguchi; Laboratory for Visionary Architecture/LAVA; ShelterBox; Tony Clark- Sydney Morning Herald

Cardboard cathedral: Plans that look good on paper: Christchurch Cathedral was destroyed in February's earthquake. Can a temporary cardboard alternative take its place?...if Shigeru Ban's got anything to do with it, it won't be long before cardboard buildings are unfolding across the globe. -- Cottrell and Vermeulen; Sumer Erek; Push; Joost van Bleiswijk- Independent (UK)

Colchester slips up on Viñoly's golden banana: There are many reasons not to like Rafael Viñoly's Colchester Firstsite...might have brought a dash of Essex bling and out-of-town sparkle...but for an organisation...whose admirable strengths have been in socially engaged, community-based art projects, it seems strange to have acquired such an expensive new bauble — complete with vast, unusable, walls. By Oliver Wainwright [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

It's no Trump Tower, but tycoon's 19th hole voted a towering success: ...confounded his critics when he unveiled the design for the clubhouse...could be described as both traditional and restrained...has won approval from the head of Scotland's main architectural body..."It's a building that might have echoes of architecture from 1850, but it's very much of now." -- Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS); Acanthus Architects [image]- The Scotsman (UK)

Trump's golf clubhouse design fails to win over opponents: ...looks more like a Victorian workhouse..."Trump can spend as much money as he likes on 'luxurious Scottish interiors' but the stunning Scottish outdoors that he's bulldozing is priceless." -- Acanthus Architects- The Herald (Scotland)

Donald Trump's clubhouse plan slammed for being as 'artificial as tycoon's toupee': As drawings of the imposing building were unveiled, critics warned it would stand out like a sore thumb...will be the heart of his £750million resort on the Menie estate in Aberdeenshire. -- Acanthus Architects [image]- Daily Record (Scotland)

Thriving time for city architecture: Leading lights from across globe leaving marks on our landscape...Winnipeg's distinct architectural character is largely the result of unique growth patterns... By Brent Bellamy/Number Ten Architectural Group -- McKim Mead & White; Darling and Pearson; Warren & Wetmore; Caesar Pelli; Antoine Predock; KPMB; Patkau Architects; 5468796 Architecture; Jae-Sung Chon- Winnipeg Free Press (Canada)

Make no little plan for Route 195 land: ...documentary "Make No Little Plans: Daniel Burnham and the American City" opened an ambitious symposium to...begin to think about how to plan the land freed up by the removal of Route 195 from Providence's well-preserved historic downtown..."make no little plans" was not intended to mean no small plans but no insignificant plans. By David Brussat [images]- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

New school is a numero UNO example of great design: ...UNO Soccer Academy, an iconic and sensational \$27 million elementary charter school...for a predominately Latino student population...an unusual and spectacular piece of architecture--and one that makes the new firm worthy of keeping an eye on. By Lee Bey -- Juan Gabriel Moreno/JGMA Architects [images, links]- WBEZ Chicago Public Radio

Trailer Parks as Models for Affordable Housing: Santa Monica purchased the Mountain View Mobile Home Park to preserve it for affordable housing a decade ago...transform the park's aging trailers and mobile homes into stylish and sustainable homes. By Alison Arieff -- Marmol Radziner Prefab- The Atlantic Cities

Temporary Is the New Permanent: Despite their co-option by hipsters and marketing gurus, the pop-up remains a sharp tool in the urban revitalization kit. By Alison Arieff -- Frank Los; Envelope Architecture + Design; REBAR; Loose Affiliates [images, links]- The Atlantic Cities

It's a wrap: FAT finishes 260m-long facade for the BBC: ...working with Holder Mathias Architects, has completed this £30 million production village for the BBC in Roath Basin, Cardiff... "highly theatrical" facade... alludes to the city's dock warehouses and Gothic architecture. [slide show]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Solar Decathlon 2011 Innovations: Constructed Wetlands, Edible Landscapes, Rain Gardens, and More: Given all the fundraising needed to create these projects...not many of the schools from 2009 appear again...A whole new set of competitors are in play...in terms of integrated site design, the University of Maryland's WaterShed was the most innovative project this year. [images, links]- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Solar homes showcase students' energy, creativity: Competitors from around the world face off in the Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon...in West Potomac Park, a move from its usual home on the National Mall...it is a you've-got-to-be-kidding-me walk from the nearest Metro stations. DOE arranged for free shuttle buses... [slide show, links]- Washington Post

Susan Chin to Head Design Trust for Public Space: She is a public servant through and through, having served as Assistant Commissioner for Capital Projects for the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs for over 20 years.- The Architect's Newspaper

Jeanne Gang before Aqua (and being named a MacArthur genius) - an early, illustrated portrait: ...at the beginning of her career, talks about growing up in Boone County, giant Pink Sea Snails, Rem Koolhaas, Marilyn Monroe and more. By Lynn Becker -- Studio Gang Architects [images, links]- Repeat (Chicago)

Designers Weekend in the heart of Brussels, September 23-25; Mario Botta is guest of honor- Designers Weekend

Going for That First Spin on Jane's Carousel: Jean Nouvel had suddenly become one of the most active designers in the city...now building follies on the waterfront...his lupine features and all-black outfit were rather out of place among the screaming children and gleaming horses... By Matt Chaban -- Jane Walentas [video]- New York Observer

One-on-One: Architecture that leads to a point: Interview with Daniel Libeskind: "Every building, every city should have a story." By Vladimir Belogolovsky- ArchNewsNow

-- Arata Isozaki & Anish Kapoor: ARK NOVA, A Tribute to Higashi Nihon, Japan
-- Herzog & de Meuron: Stade Bordeaux Atlantique, Bordeaux, France

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